

Remarks/Arguments

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2006. Reconsideration of the application in light of the accompanying remarks and arguments is respectfully requested.

Initially, the Examiner objected to two typographical errors in the specification. These errors have been corrected in the present amendment to the specification, and the specification is now in proper form. The Examiner's assistance in finding and correcting these errors is appreciated.

Turning to the claims, the Examiner indicated that claims 3 and 4 contained allowable subject matter, and rejected all other claims over various prior art.

By the present paper, claim 3 is rewritten in independent form and is submitted to be in condition for allowance. In addition, independent claim 1 has been amended to further recite a portion of the subject matter of claim 3, and claim 1 as amended is also believed to be allowable over the art of record.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the base of the invention, that at least the intermediate portion of the pipe is substantially parallel to the base, and that the support member is connected to base and the intermediate portion. Method claim 8 has been amended in similar fashion.

Turning to the art relied upon by the Examiner, it is believed that none of this art anticipates or obviates claims 1 and 8.

Starting with Allread (US 5,182,922), this patent clearly fails to disclose at least, the base, support member connected to both the base and the intermediate portion, and orientation of the intermediate portion relative to the base.

Smith (US 2,234,742) fails to disclose or suggest at least the proper orientation of the intermediate portion and the correct orientation of the support member, as well as the connection of the support member to the intermediate portion.

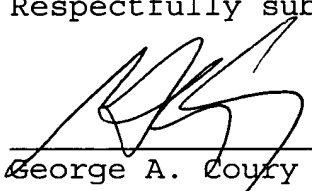
Body et al (US 2,174,233) clearly fail to disclose or suggest at least the proper orientation and connection of the support member and intermediate member.

Browne (US 2,136,097) clearly fails to disclose or suggest at least the proper orientation and connection of the support member and intermediate member.

Based upon the foregoing, it is submitted that independent claims 1 and 8, and dependent claims 5-7, are in condition for allowance.

The accompanying request for extension of time authorizes a deposit account for payment of that fee. It is believed that no additional fee is due. If any such fee is due, please charge same and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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